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For Thinking and Discussing

1. Elizabeth Blackwell was turned down by one medical school after another when she applied for admission. She was discouraged, but she didn't give up. What was there about her personality that forced her to continue looking?

2. She was a lady of determination and conviction. Once she was accepted into medical school, there was still a great deal of prejudice against her. Why was she subjected to such uncalled for ostracism?

3. When Elizabeth Blackwell did finally succeed in establishing her clinic, she built it in a slum area in New York City. Why do you suppose she chose a slum area?

4. Elizabeth Blackwell's crusade in her senior years centered around improving the rights of women. In fact she rode in a parade demonstrating for voting rights for women just a few months before her death. Why do you think she did this?

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5. Why do you think Miss Blackwell never married?

For Further Research

Find out where women are today in the medical profession. How many women doctors are there? What percentage of doctors are women?